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starch, hydroxy ethyl starch fatty acid esters, dextrans, dextran fatty acid esters, sorbitol, sorbitol fatty acid esters, gelatin, phospholipids, polyoxyethylene fatty acids esters, polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ethers, polyoxyethylated sorbitan fatty acid esters, glycerol polyethylene glycol oxystearate, glycerol polyethylene glycol ricinoleate, ethoxylated soybean sterols, ethoxylated castor oil, cholesterol, oleic acid, sodium oleate and combinations thereof.

~~62~~ 136. The microbubble preparation of claim ~~123~~ ⁵⁵ wherein said proteinaceous material is albumin.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/405,447, filed March 16, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,639,443, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/099,951 filed July 30, 1993, now abandoned.

By the instant Amendment, all previously pending claims have been canceled and new claims 62-136 have been added. The three independent claims presently pending are all directed to microbubble preparations comprising a plurality of osmotically stabilized microbubbles containing at least one gas osmotic agent and at least one modifier gas. Each finds support throughout the specification, examples and claims as originally filed. More particularly, claim 62, directed to microbubble preparations comprising selected non-freon gas osmotic agents, finds direct support in Table 1 at page 27, lines 8-17 and in the recited examples. Similarly, independent claim 109, directed to microbubble preparations comprising a gas osmotic agent that is the vapor of a compound that is a liquid at 37°C and 760 Torr finds

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direct support at page 25, lines 13-18. Lastly, independent claim 123, directed to osmotically stabilized microbubble preparations incorporating microbubble membranes comprising proteinaceous material, finds support at page 7, lines 26-30 and page 31, lines 4-16. In addition, Applicants submit that the pending dependent claims find support throughout the specification as filed.

The present claims are believed to be in condition for allowance for the same reasons advanced in the parent case which has issued. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to disclaim any part of a patent granted on the instant application that would extend past the expiration date of the issued parent application.

Accordingly, allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if it is believed that this will expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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